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Applicant: Takahisa YAMASHIRO et al. Conf: 1566
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For: ULTRASONIC CLEANING APPARATUS AND
ULTRASONIC CLEANING METHOD

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 13, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 13, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-5, 10, 13, 14 and 18-20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An ultrasonic cleaning apparatus which cleans a subject to be cleaned by utilizing oscillation generated by an ultrasonic oscillator, comprising: